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1. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN JULY 13 ISSUE OF SHIPPING AND TRADE NEWS, OVERSEAS DIVISION OF MOT SHIPPING BUREAU PLANS TO REQUEST BUDGET OF ABOUT THIRTY MILLION YEN (ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS) TO QTE FACILITATE ITS PREPARATIONS FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION UNQTE OF UN LINER CONFERENCE CODE. FUNDS WILL BE REQUESTED IN BUDGET FOR JAPANESE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1975 (JFY 75). PREPARATIONS, WHICH ARTICLE STATES WILL BE STARTED QTE FULL-SCALE UNQTE IN JFY 75, ARE SAID TO INCLUDE DRAFTING OF NEW LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO ADJUST DOMESTIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO TERMS OF CONVENTION.

2. COMMENT. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL B, EMBASSY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT FORMALLY APPROACHED GOJ CONCERNING ITS INTENTIONS RE SIGNING AND RATIFYING UN LINER CONFERENCE
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CODE. HOWEVER, AS FOREGOING NEWS ARTICLE SUGGESTS (AND

AS OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MOT CONFIRM), IT WILL
BE ALMOST A YEAR BEFORE MOT BEGINS TO PREPARE IN EARNEST
FOR GOJ SIGNATURE OF CODE CONVENTION. THUS WE BELIEVE
EC OFFICIAL'S FEARS (PARA 5 REFTTEL C) THAT JAPAN MAY
SIGN TOO HASTILY ARE UNFOUNDED.
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